



**The Flyer  
2016-2017**



**President: John McPhee**

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Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132 (Melways 48H9)

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

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**CLUB PROGRAM**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Thanks &amp; Meeting Report</b>
27 Mar	Genealogy- <i>Jenny Harkness</i> Box Hill High Awards BOARD	Mike Finke	Chris Tuck
3 Apr	Conference Review	Stuart Williams	John McPhee
10 Apr	Royal Flying Doctor Service	Glenys Grant	Chris Tuck
17 Apr	No meeting- Easter Monday		
24 Apr	No meeting- Anzac Day		
1 May	New members evening	Bill Marsh	Warwick Stott

**CELEBRATIONS**

Birthday greetings to Mike Finke (20 March), Joan Sharman (31 March) and Gary Baltissen (1 April). Club anniversary congratulations to Stuart Williams (21 March), John McPhee (22 March) and John Donaghey (1 April)

**DUTY ROSTER**

	<b>MARCH</b>	<b>APRIL</b>
<b>Recorder</b>	Bob Laslett	Martine Macleod-Craig
<b>Greeter</b>	Martine Macleod-Craig	Barbara Searle
<b>Emergency</b>	Gary Baltissen	Warwick Stott
<b>Cashier</b>	Ray Smith	Mike Finke

## ATTENDANCE

**APOLOGY – IF A MEMBER IS NOT GOING TO COME TO THE MEETING or you intend**

**bringing a guest please contact Ray Smith by 10.00 am MONDAY** on 0412 807 585 or [rcssmith@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rcssmith@optusnet.com.au)

.SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS to Ray by 10am at the LATEST

Any CANCELLATION AFTER 10.00 AM *should* be made direct with the management of

Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268

## .DON HULLAND

Don is in Kellock Lodge, 15 Bon Street, Alexandra 3714, and his mobile number is **0409**

**530 435**. Please give him a call or phone the office 5770-2100 and ask for Don.

## PRESIDENT JOHN'S JOTTINGS

Thank you Martine for sharing you with us. A great presentation in both oral and picture which captivated all in attendance. A most enjoyable Rotary activity is when a fellow Rotarian shares their life with other fellow Rotarians.

A few reminders:-

6<sup>th</sup> April our monthly film fellowship

Should there not be a film of interest on that night. I extend an invitation to anyone interested to join me at East Doncaster Baptist Church where Assistant Commissioner Dean McWhirter from the Family Violence Command will be the guest speaker,

April 28<sup>th</sup> RAM's fundraising dinner

April 29<sup>th</sup> Rotaract Whitehorse Clubs Giant Monopoly

May 1<sup>st</sup> Our Membership night. names needed

7<sup>th</sup> June Peridot Theatre. Ticket sales are needed. Our sister clubs in the Whitehorse cluster have been invited to join with us for this fundraiser.

Our next meeting guest speaker is Jenny Harkness talking on Genealogy. Also we will have the 3 Gysi-Davis awardees plus a teacher along to our meeting when they will formally be presented with their awards by Gary Davis.

To not take away from our presenters, there will be NO Sergeants session, but the bowl will go around to take care of your fines etc. Also committee reports will be limited to written reports to be handed to the Chairperson prior to the meeting for him to present. This we hope will allow the 3 students and the Teaching representative time to respond and not restrict our guest speaker in her presentation.

Thank you sergeant Bob and Raffle king Bill on producing again a great fundraising result.

## THIS WEEK'S MEETING

### Chairman:

Ray congratulated members on their excellent attendance (15) and welcomed Rebecca Edison to hear her friend the guest speaker. He outlined a brief history of the beginnings of Rotary.

### Sergeant's Session:

Bob in a condensed session still managed to raise \$40.05. The beneficiaries of the raffle were Martine and Bob L. Good news segment- Bill's daughter Delene's great progress and John Mac's granddaughter's success at lifesaving and his wife Marg on the mend at home.

### Reports:

Stuart reminded us of the start of footy tipping. Glenys spoke on MUNA and her meeting with the Mayor. Warwick emphasised special meeting in May, Centurion money and less funds being available. Bob W reminded of RYDA commitments and \$331 from Blackburn market. Mike spoke of ebay ties, the importance of selling tickets for Peridot in June and the mysterious Naibo (?). Bill filled us in with gems from PETS- restrictions on Rotary insurance, WWCC, risk assessments and the WFM difficulties.

( Anyone having difficulties with acronyms please consult the oracle but you need not go to Delphi)

## Guest speaker



Our own member Martine was the guest speaker this week. She reminded us that as we are known by the company we keep, she was a reflection of us. We followed her search for identity at the age of 43, prompted by her birth mother tracking her down. Martine's adopting parents had withheld this information from her but she was fortunate to be able to meet her birth mother, prior to her death. She discovered many brother and sisters and a rich family history. Martine, along with her husband Mac and 30 other Australians, were the inaugural participants of "The Sino Cultural Exchange Programme". They lived on an island called Green Mountain in the Huang Cai District of the Hunan Province in China. The accommodation was purpose built for the occasion and reflected traditional Chinese living. The Hunan Traditional Chinese Medicine Academy presented an introductory course on Chinese medicine, which included topics of acupuncture, massotherapy, theories of Yin-Yang, lectures on Chinese Qi Gong (tai chi) and herbs, to name but a few. While studying in China she had the good fortune to meet Professor Wang Li Ren who had a profound influence on the direction her life would take. He gave her the opportunity to teach English in various districts of Hunan, along with visiting various universities and colleges to give the occasional lecture and to place interested Australians into English teaching positions. She told of some of her experiences living on an island in China where she practised and taught tai chi as well as learning about Chinese medicine and art. Martine has had a variety of work experiences including working in a paint shop in Ringwood, as an interior decorator, in theatre (including a part in Homicide and an audition for Hair). Over the years, Martine has had a variety of work experiences, including, nursing, interior decorating, retail in a paint store, working at the ABC, Reader's Digest and ICI to name but a few. When she was younger she was drawn to acting and appeared in stage plays with a brief sojourn into Homicide and an audacious audition for Hair (the original musical). Ling. She lost her first husband (her soulmate) Mac in 2001 and her second husband, David in 2012 who developed Lewy Bodies Dementia. Martine values the support of her close friends and family, including son-in-law Mike. She shared her passion for gardening and included a DVD featuring flowers from her garden backed by haunting music. This, she said, was the first piece of music she performed to in public since taking up ballet.

Martine was presented with a pen crafted by Ray for her fascinating talk.

## Sergeant Reflection 20 March 2017

Yesterday I attended a fund raising lunch at Yarra Valley Anglican School for a Rice Meal run by the Footman club and MCEED by a mate of mine, Graham. You pay \$30 to have a meal of plain rice and water as so many in the world are lucky to have even that. Graham had asked me a couple of weeks ago if my Rumbek South Sudan school building mate Sam could fill in as one of the two guest speakers had pulled out. Sam was available as was Cameron who is the chair of our school building committee.

The first speaker was Peter Faulkner from Endeavour Hills Rotary club talking on Disaster Aid and we were chatting to him before the event started and he was saying that Disaster Aid sent 200 tents to South Sudan recently and they are lost and do we have any contacts in South Sudan who may be able to help him which of course we do so maybe we can help him find the tents. Peter told us in his presentation that Disaster Aid asks what is needed before sending the aid so if only tents are needed then only tents go. Also they now provide permanent shelter in countries that haven't experienced a crisis using local suppliers so helping the local economy. Amazing work they do.

An auction was next with a bottle of soy sauce raising \$1200 then our sumptuous lunch of a quarter of a bowl of plain rice and a glass of water. Yum!

Sam then spoke of his escape from the war with 20,000 other “Lost Boys of South Sudan” in 1989. After being bombed, shot at, being eaten by crocodiles while trying to cross rivers, drowning and starvation 12,000 reached Kenya to a camp where they stayed for 12 years. Sam was 10 when he arrived there. He spoke of their daily food which was a bowl of maize and each boy was given a week’s worth of maize which most had finished by day 3 or 4 so they went hungry for the rest of the week. He showed photos of life in the camp.

I looked around the room and everyone was hanging on each word. Total silence.

Most of the boys were migrated to Australia and most of these to Melbourne.

Cameron then told the story of Sam’s dream for a school in his home village of Rumbek which was in the Flyer. With the school’s walls built we have been trying to send further funds there via the Catholic Diocese account we have been using in Kenya. This is needed to put the roof on before the wet season commences later this year, but the Commonwealth Bank have been instructed by the Govt to discontinue sending any money from Australia to Kenya so we are stuck at the moment.

Sam’s and my previous employers the Good Shepherd Sisters do have Sisters in South Sudan so I’m endeavouring to see if they can help us get our funds there.

Finally, at the end of the day Sam was like a celebrity with many wanting to have their photo taken with him and Ringwood Rotary who were there want him to come and speak to them at hopefully a joint meeting with their cluster clubs who happen to be the cluster I am taking care of next year as Assistant Governor so I’m sure that can be arranged.

An interesting day. Bob

## **MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT NIGHT**

### **Monday 1 May**

Have you investigated possibly buying a new car? If so, did you ask the salesman if they are interested in learning more about Rotary

Have you asked your accountant, solicitor, car service manager, pharmacist, acquaintance in the park when walking the dog, plumber, electrician, son, daughter, neighbour if they would like to come to this meeting?

Please let John Mc, Bill or Warwick know of who you have arranged to come on 1<sup>st</sup> May

## **Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) day-21 March**

Barbara W, Ray, our good friend of our club Hans and I, helped out at the RYDA day last Tuesday. The school was Wellington Secondary College with 250 students participating so Ringwood Rotary provided five helpers too as nine were needed altogether.

We each had 25 or so students plus a teacher and I was allocated the Green group so I had a green folder for my group to follow. As usual there were six sessions, with my group starting with “The “I” in Drive” about knowing yourself, self control, risk awareness etc, then we had “Road Choices” pointing out the legal issues drivers faced such as alcohol limit, how to avoid fatigue etc.

Morning tea (always a good session) then onto “Genevieve’s story” which was a video followed by group discussion on a crash of a young woman driver who killed her passenger and herself by over correcting after she overtook a slow vehicle in the Yarra Valley and the “ripple effect” on her family, friends and work colleagues. We then ventured outside for “Speed and Stopping” with three driving instructors showing us how long it takes to stop with a car doing 40km then 60km and what to look for in safety features when buying a car etc.

Lunch with the instructors and teachers was provided while the students had brought their own and ate separately. We then had “Hazards and Distractions” which showed the group the dangers of even having your mobile phone in reach whilst driving plus so many other avoidable dangers and distractions and how to minimise them. Our final session was “After the Crash” with Anat, who survived a major crash but is now brain damaged and a paraplegic needing 4 carers each day for the rest of her life. She crashed after swerving to avoid a dog on the road after just completing her Uni degree and had a great life in front of her, before her crash left her so damaged. She was understandably difficult to hear at times but her message was delivered to a very quiet and receptive audience who listened to her every word. What a gutsy young lady to make herself available to speak to these young “L” drivers who could see face to face what a simple poor decision on the road can lead to.

Catherine the fantastic RYDA coordinator summed up the day, thanked everyone and singled out we Rotarians and friends for not only making our time available to help these young drivers, but for believing in the program. As I say to anyone whom I talk to about the program, you never know, but maybe one of these young people who has learned to be a safer driver from the RYDA program may be driving towards you or me one day.

Bob Williams

## **HELP WANTED TUESDAY 13TH JUNE 2017**

Our next Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) Day is the 13th June and so far we have three volunteers, Martine, Robbie and Ron, and need a further three. Members, friends, family all can help. We will be assisting 200 "L" plate students from Vermont Secondary College at RYDA's Lilydale venue which is Box Hill TAFE's Lilydale campus. The hours are 8-30a.m. to 2-30p.m. with morning tea and lunch provided. Duties are guiding around your group of 25/30 students to their next session and sitting with them during the session and probably learning something yourself. Please let me know by the end of March if you can help out.

Thanks

Bob Williams [bandbwil@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bandbwil@bigpond.net.au)

## CONFERENCE

More of this year's excellent speakers- Euan Ferguson (recently retired head of the CFA), Mike Brady, Deidre Anderson (Deputy VC, Macquarie University) and Julian Burnside.

The RI President's personal representative (RIPPR) is Karen Wentz from Tennessee

## FOREST HILL COLLEGE BREAKFAST ROSTER

Our sturdy band of workers have completed the roster for term 1 - a big thankyou to all that have helped.

I will advise when the roster recommences -probably in early May

## Whitehorse Farmers' Market

Results for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March were.

Stallholders	\$3,440.00
Donations	1,335.60
Barbeque	511.20
Total	\$5,286.80

## Footy tipping

1. Go to [www.footytips.com.au](http://www.footytips.com.au)
2. If you were in it last year then you just need to log in and then reactivate your account by confirming your email address
3. The name of the competition is Kickgoals17  
the password is RFH17
4. If you were not in the competition in 2016 you will need to Register, and then click on "competitions" (at the top of page) and then "search comp" you then type in Kickgoals17. The password is RFH17. Then when it comes up - click Kickgoals -and type in the password RHF17 and then click Join Comp

I encourage you to Start tipping now. You can complete round ONE tips now, and miss the rush before the first game. You can log in later and modify your tips if need be.

HOW TO TIP

Click on "Tipping" at the top of the page and then "AFL". Then enter your tips. Remember to also pick a winning margin for the first game of the round. ALSO... remember to click on SUBMIT TIPS at the bottom of the page. All is not lost if you forget to enter your tips.-- you receive the away sides results.

If you have difficulties call me on 041 757 38 28

Stuart Williams

## RAM



### ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA GUEST SPEAKER AND FUNDRAISING DINNER

Join the Rotary District 9810 RAM Committee on Friday April 28 to mark WHO World Malaria Day and Rotary's Malaria Awareness Day for a fundraising dinner at Mulgrave Country club featuring 2 guests speakers.

The first is Dr Julie Healer, a postdoctoral researcher at the Walter & Eliza Hall Institute, specializing in how the malaria parasite invades red blood cells, with a view to developing a vaccine to prevent malaria invasion and replication. The second is Rotaract's very own Ben Hill, speaking about the RAAM (Rotaract Australia Against Malaria)'s own work in this area.

Follow the link below for the flyer for the Fundraising Dinner. <https://allevents.in/wheelers%20hill/d9810-ram-event-malaria-awareness-fundraising-dinner/221225071677223>

Malaria Awareness Day Fundraising Dinner-Friday 28 April 6.30 for 7 pm

### Foundation Breakfast

A Rotary Breakfast with Jeff Kennett to Celebrate 100 years of The Rotary Foundation

Stimulating, Provocative, Challenging

Tuesday 2 May

Time: 7.15 am - 9.00 am

Place: Elizabethan Lodge,  
604-610 Middleborough Rd  
Blackburn North

\$45 inc breakfast

#### DIARY DATES

Fri 31 March -Sun 2 Apr District 9810 Conference

Fri 7 Apr Film night

Sat 8 Apr Blackburn market

Sun 9 Apr

**Eggs and bacon at Whitehorse Farmer's Market**

**ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES**

March Water and Sanitation

April Maternal and Child Health

**ARTICLES**

Newsletter articles to [rlaslett76@gmail.com](mailto:rlaslett76@gmail.com) by 5 pm Wednesday please.